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SESSION I  
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U.S. SALT DELEGATION  
GENEVA, SWITZERLANDDATE: December 18, 1972  
TIME: 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Soviet Mission, Geneva

SUBJECT: SALT

PARTICIPANTS: US

USSR

Dr. J.P. Wade, Jr.  
Col C.G. FitzGeraldCol V.P. Starodubov  
Col V.V. Budantsev

During a brief informal conversation following the Plenary Meeting, the Soviet participants repeatedly raised FBS and bases and argued for the inclusion of the former as "strategic" systems.

Throw Weight

FitzGerald observed that Minister Semenov had used the U.S. coined expression "sabrasyvayemy ves" in addressing throw-weight in today's statement. He asked whether this is the Russian expression for throw-weight. Budantsev said no, but since the U.S. side has made the throw-weight proposal it is up to the U.S. side to explain what it means by throw-weight so that the Soviet side can decide which is the proper Russian expression. Starodubov added that the Soviet side has concluded that, while in general, they know what the U.S. side means by throw-weight there do appear to be several "fine points" in the U.S. concept which require clarification. Until the U.S. side clarifies these "fine points" the Soviet side cannot discuss the subject.

Soviet Medium Bombers

FitzGerald noted that Budantsev had smiled broadly when Amb Smith stated Soviet medium bombers could reach more than half the territory of the U.S. without refueling. Budantsev said that he considered this to be incorrect. He said that even from advanced bases medium bombers cannot strike the U.S.--except for Alaska--without refueling. Even with refueling, the missions

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would have to be one-way missions, if the Soviet side had the refueling capability; and even then refueling would have to be over the U.S. so that they would not be one-way missions.

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